

<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Heritage Partnership Programs</b>
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**Activity Summary**

Program Components	2002 Enacted	2003 Estimate	2004			Change From 2003 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Commissions and Grants	13,092	7,616	0	0	7,616	0
Administrative Support	114	119	+6	-1	124	+5
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>13,206</b>	<b>7,735</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>7,740</b>	<b>+5</b>

**Authorization**

Public Law 104-333	America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership
Public Law 104-333	Augusta Canal National Heritage Area
Public Law 105-355	Automobile National Heritage Area Partnership
Public Law 104-323	Cache La Poudre River Corridor
16 USC 410ccc21 to 26	Cane River National Heritage Area
Public Law 100-692	Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal Commission
Public Law 106-554	Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 104-333	Essex National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 98-398	Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 99-647	John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 106-278	Lackawanna Heritage Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	National Coal Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 103-449	Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission
Public Law 106-278	Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	South Carolina National Heritage Corridor
Public Law 100-698	Southwestern Pennsylvania National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area
Public Law 104-333	Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area
Public Law 106-291	Wheeling National Heritage Area
Public Law 106-319	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

**Activity Overview**

**Heritage Partnership Programs** (National Heritage Areas) have been created by Congress to promote the conservation of natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups or by States and not by the National Park Service. Control of the areas rests with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy. These include resource conservation, community attention to quality of life issues, and help to develop sustainable economies. This activity includes two program components:

**Commissions and Grants.** This component shows funding support provided to the management entity of each National Heritage Area. Heritage areas provide a powerful tool for the preservation of community heritage, combining historic preservation, cultural and ecotourism, local and regional preservation planning and heritage education and tourism. This funding also includes reimbursement for technical assistance and training provided by the NPS as partners to encourage resource conservation and interpretation. There are currently 23 National Heritage Areas.

**Administrative Support** provides servicewide coordination and support of the Heritage areas programs.

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**Draft DOI Outcome Goals Applicable to this Activity**

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**Resource Protection****1.1 Improve Health of Watersheds, Landscapes, and Marine Resources**

This activity supports this goal by providing support, resource management and technical assistance for the restoration and maintenance of watersheds and landscapes. For example, many of the National Heritage Areas' management plans include strategies to restore river flows and water quality before they create nature and canoe trails.

**1.2 Sustain Biological Communities**

This activity supports this goal by providing support and technical assistance for the creation of habitat conditions for biological communities to flourish, including providing environmental assessments used for decision making.

**1.3 Protect Cultural and Natural Heritage Resources**

This activity supports this goal by using partnerships and volunteers to increase knowledge base of cultural and natural heritage resources and to protect cultural and natural heritage resources.

**Recreation****3.1 Improve Access to Appropriate Recreation Opportunities on DOI Managed or Partnered Lands and Waters**

This activity supports this goal by using partnerships and volunteers to promote, create and manage recreation opportunities. For example, many of the National Heritage Areas have a walking or driving trail as the means for connecting the various sites.

**3.2 Ensure a Quality Experience and Enjoyment of Natural and Cultural Resources on DOI Managed or Partnered Lands and Waters**

This activity supports this goal by using partnerships and volunteers to enhance the quality of recreation opportunities and provide effective interpretation and education programs. For example, many of the National Heritage Areas provide curriculums to educators about the themes that make the area unique or illustrate important parts of American history, including site visits.

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**Activity: Heritage Partnership Programs**  
**Program Component: Commissions and Grants**

**Summary Table of Funding by Heritage Area**

<b>National Heritage Areas</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>FY 2002 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2003 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2004 Request</b>
1. America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos & Smokestacks)	Iowa	700	406	406
2. Augusta Canal National Heritage Area	Georgia	492	286	286
3. Automobile National Heritage Area	Michigan	500	290	290
4. Cache La Poudre River Corridor	Colorado	50	45	45
5. Cane River National Heritage Area	Louisiana	650	377	377
6. Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor	Pennsylvania	700	406	406
7. Erie Canalway National Corridor	New York	210	123	123
8. Essex National Heritage Area	Massachusetts	1,000	580	580
9. Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area	New York	900	522	522
10. Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor	Illinois	500	290	290
11. John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor	Rhode Island	800	464	464
12. Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	500	290	290
13. National Coal Heritage Area	West Virginia	210	123	123
14. Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor	Ohio	1,000	580	580
15. Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor	Connecticut	750	435	435
16. Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	1,000	580	580
17. Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area	Pennsylvania	210	123	123
18. Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	Virginia	500	290	290
19. South Carolina National Heritage Corridor	South Carolina	1,000	580	580
20. Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Area (* See description)	Pennsylvania	0*	0*	0*
21. Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area	Tennessee	210	123	123
22. Wheeling National Heritage Area	West Virginia	1,000	580	580
23. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area	Arizona	210	123	123
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,092</b>	<b>7,616</b>	<b>7,616</b>

**Description and Program Overview (including FY 2002 and FY 2003 accomplishments)**

Congress has designated 23 National Heritage Areas to conserve and commemorate distinctive regional landscapes. These areas include canal corridors in Georgia, Illinois, and Pennsylvania; river corridors that provided access and power to early settlers; and landscapes that tell the story of big steel, coal, and our agricultural might. The areas are managed by private nonprofit groups, or by States, not by the National Park Service. Control of the areas continues to rest with local governments. Participating areas realize significant benefits from this partnership strategy, including resource conservation and community attention to quality of life issues supported by developing sustainable economies and eventually become self-supporting. Upon designation as a National Heritage Area, the managing entity develops a management plan that provides a blue print for the area, including identification of resources, interpretive themes, restoration projects, recreational opportunities and funding strategies. Once the Secretary of the Interior has approved the management plan, the plan is implemented as funding and resources are available. During fiscal year 2002, the Secretary approved three management plans for Automobile National Heritage Area, Hudson River National Heritage Area and the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area.

1. **America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership** (Silos & Smokestacks) has a completed management plan, an interpretive plan and an identity and graphics package. The current focus is implementation of regional tourism tasks including gateway signs, interpretive kiosks, brochures, maps and a guidebook. The grant program will be continued as well as the web based educational program *Camp Silos*.
2. **Augusta Canal National Heritage Area.** Following the approved management plan the commission has secured \$1.8 million to complete the construction of the interpretive exhibit center in the Enterprise Mill. Additional projects include completing phase I of the Bartram trail, phase II of the Canal Multi-use trail and the construction of two tour boats. Continued the management of the newly acquired King Mill and received the FERC license for the hydropower.
3. **Automobile National Heritage Area** management plan was approved by the Secretary of Interior on May 14, 2002. FY 2003 and 2004 will see implementation of the planning document with a focus on education and interpretation, revitalization, and tourism and economic development. Specific activities will be directed toward the "Motorcities Memories Personal History Project" and the "Stephen P. Yonkich Auto and Labor Education Program" which reaches over 4,000 school children; a tourism agenda with nine gateway museums and a HAER project on the Detroit waterfront are planned as well.
4. **Cache La Poudre River Corridor** is awaiting technical correction legislation to clarify the appointment authority for a federal commission and to extend the implementation of the project. The local community has established a non-profit organization for the region. Staff provided through the National Park Service continues planning and interpretation.
5. **Cane River National Heritage Area** has submitted their management plan to the Secretary. A new grant program awarded 12 grants leveraging over \$488,500 in matching funds. Initiatives in the area include land conservation and cooperative planning with the Cane River National Historical Park and the Creole History Center. Documentation of Melrose Plantation Home, a National Historic Landmark, is another such initiative.
6. **Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor** has a completed management plan from 1993 and has initiated an updating of the plan for the year 2003. The Corridor is carrying out a multi-community Main Street program with a circuit rider to provide services. A TEA grant of \$1.1 million is underway to upgrade lock #11 on the Delaware Canal. Work will continue on the Lehigh portion of the canal trail and signage will be upgraded in the area. An innovative promotional project titled "Miles of Mules" is raising dollars and awareness.
7. **Erie Canalway National Corridor** has established its federal commission. The National Park Service has obtained the services of a highly qualified planner on an interagency loan from the State of New York and a project director has been hired. The Commission is working on the management plan.
8. **Essex National Heritage Area** has submitted its management plan to the Secretary; however, approval is not required by law. Heritage promotion will focus on installing 160 new signs for the region and the visitor centers. The visitor centers served over 1 million people in 2002. An innovative school program will be tested that uses community history to teach a number of core topics in the State's curriculum. Over 25 percent of the NPS grant dollars will be given out in educational grants to further this strategy.
9. **Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area's** management plan was approved by the Secretary of the Interior in April of 2002. The implementation of the plan will focus on interpretive planning and developing a regional tourism experience. A \$1million grant was received for the development of a Hudson River Greenway water trail. Preservation funding was obtained for Fort Montgomery, the Wilderstein Estate and the Dutch Reformed Church in Newburgh.
10. **Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor** has an older management plan and is convening partners to revisit the plan and update its goals and objectives. The Corridor has initiated a new grant program to encourage resource protection and community revitalization. Work is underway

to develop a master plan with the state for the management of the canal. Two new interpretive sites, Canal Origins Park and Port of LaSalle Canal Boats are also underway.

11. **John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor** has an approved management plan and will continue to partner with other organizations to preserve industrial buildings and recreational trails within the Corridor.
12. **Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area** will be completing its management plan in 2003. The new Lackawanna County Visitors Center was opened in 2002. *Stories from Mines*, a one-hour film, commissioned by the area was nominated for an Emmy, has been picked up by PBS and will be shown on 80 channels in 30 states. The area will continue its regional education initiatives in partnership with Steamtown National Historic Site.
13. **National Coal Heritage Area** has completed a final draft of its management plan and environmental impact statement. A new Coal Heritage Area Authority has been established by the State to serve as the management entity. A regional Challenge Grant Program will be offered to conserve historic and cultural resources in the region.
14. **Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor** has received approval from the Secretary of its management plan. Work will continue on Canalway Centers and Gateways for the Journey. More of the missing links in the towpath corridor will be acquired and improved for pedestrian and vehicle access.
15. **Quinnebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor** has published *Vision 2010: A Plan for the Next Ten Years*, an updated management plan. The land conservation work of the Green Valley Institute has been awarded national recognition. An agricultural research project is underway to brand local food products. The Corridor awarded 17 grants (\$100,000) to preserve cultural and natural resources which were matched by over \$500,000.
16. **Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area** has received the approval of the Secretary for their management plan. Work will continue to develop Journeys in Northern Allegheny, parts of Westmoreland and Armstrong Counties. A series of riverfront development plans will be initiated in Charleroi and for the Pittsburgh pool. The restored Bost Building was dedicated in 2002 and the interpretive exhibits are being planned to complete the project. The archival and folklore program will be supported and expanded.
17. **Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area** will complete their management plan in October of 2003. The Schuylkill River Water Trail, which is 140 miles long with 26 landings, was designated a National Recreation Trail in 2002. Four visitor gateways are under development in Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Pottstown and Phoenixville.
18. **Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District** has received approval by the Secretary for their management plan. While some funding will be used for personnel and administration, funding will also be used to continue grants to partner organizations and to implement the management plan particularly in improving land use planning in the region. In 2002, the President signed legislation for the designation of Cedar Creek and Belle Grove unit as National Historical Park.
19. **South Carolina National Heritage Corridor** has completed its management plan and the necessary steps for compliance. Documents for the second Discovery Center in the heritage area will be opened in Edgefield. The recently completed marketing plan will be implemented for the Corridor. The existing grant program to support local projects will also be continued into the next fiscal year.
20. **Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission** has an approved management plan. The Commission has become self-supporting and does not receive funding any longer under this activity but has received funding under the Construction Appropriation as recently as FY 2002. The Commission continues to manage TEA Enhancement Awards for the region under contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. It has undertaken a number of greenway

(Conemaugh and Juniata Rivers), rail trail (Ghost Town) and watershed (Kiski-Conemaugh) conservation projects. Projects include promoting Westsylvania through a magazine, a website, and an attraction marketing partnership. Educational initiatives include the Outdoor Heritage Fair reaching 20,000 visitors and the communities in Schools project targeted to 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

21. **Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area** has a compact approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the development of a management plan is underway. A series of public meetings across the state have been held to identify preferred alternatives and publicize the plan. The area is working closely with the adjacent Civil War national park units.
22. **Wheeling National Heritage Area** will focus on the redevelopment of the historic waterfront from the suspension bridge to Wheeling Creek. An interpretive trail will be developed that showcases industrial artifacts as well as the social and geological history of the area. A plan will be developed to interpret the historic Labelle Nail works.
23. **Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area** received approval for their management plan from the Secretary of Interior on November 9, 2002. A cooperative agreement with the Intermountain Region has been implemented. The first project of the Yuma Crossing NHA, the West Wetland, was dedicated in 2002. Fundraising is underway for the larger East Wetland Project, which will be a partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management and the Keshan Indian Nation.

#### FY 2004 Budget Request: Commissions and Grants

Request Component	Amount
FY 2003 Budget Estimate	7,616
Programmatic Changes	
• Commissions and Grants	No Change
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0</b>
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change
<b>FY 2004 Budget Request</b>	<b>7,616</b>
Net Change	No Change

<sup>1</sup>Justification for program changes can be found at the end of this activity's presentation.

**Activity:** Heritage Partnership Programs  
**Program Component:** Administrative Support

#### FY 2004 Base Program Overview

This component provides administrative, budget, policy and public information support to the twenty-three Congressionally designated national heritage areas.

#### FY 2002 Program Performance Accomplishments

- Conducted on-site visits to twelve of the twenty-three national heritage areas.
- Held educational programs in partnership with the Heritage Development Institute in Charleston, SC. Provided a two day program on heritage areas in the west with the Intermountain Region in Denver, CO. Provided twelve training sessions at the National Trust Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH.
- Updated the NPS heritage area website and began design for a NPS "unigrid" brochure.
- Received a grant from the Alliance for National Heritage Areas to provide two internships for research on heritage area issues and established a partnership with the University of Maryland's new Historic Preservation Program.

- Delivered testimony at two Senate hearings on nine proposed heritage areas. Reviewed testimony for five others and prepared a variety of briefing papers and amendments for generic heritage area legislation.

### **FY 2003 Program Performance** *(Based on FY 2003 President's Request)*

- Prepare and distribute a handbook on the Heritage Areas Program in partnership with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas.
- Conduct on-site visits to eight areas.
- Pursue a regional education initiative partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
- Present a program on the history of heritage areas at the George Wright Society Conference.
- Initiate partnership with at least one additional university to undertake the heritage area research agenda.
- Develop and implement new annual report format to be instituted for reporting annual accomplishments.

### **FY 2004 Budget Request: Administrative Support**

<b>Request Component</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 2003 Budget Estimate	119
Programmatic Changes	
• IT Reduction	-1
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>-1</b>
Uncontrollable Changes	+6
<b>FY 2004 Budget Request</b>	<b>124</b>
Net Change	+5

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### **FY 2004 Budget Request: Heritage Partnership Programs**

<b>Request Component</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FY 2003 Budget Estimate	7,735
Programmatic Changes	
• IT Reduction	-1
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-1</b>
Uncontrollable Changes	+6
<b>FY 2004 Budget Request</b>	<b>7,740</b>
Net Change	+5

### **Information Technology Reduction: -\$0.001 million**

The Department of the Interior is undertaking significant technology reforms to improve the management of IT investments and to realize short- and long-term efficiencies and savings. The reforms include consolidated purchases of hardware and software; consolidation of support functions including help desks, email support and web services; and coordination of training. The Heritage Partnership Programs activity includes a reduction of \$0.001 million to reflect the effect of these management reforms.